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KY EXCEL Member Updates

**Welcome to our newest
KY EXCEL members!**

Linebach Funkhouser Inc. (Advocate member) – Linebach Funkhouser Inc. of Louisville has committed to providing a workshop that will cover environmental assessment/cleanup training. The topics to be covered include conducting an All Appropriate Inquiry, Phase I Environmental Assessments, Phase II Site Assessments and Environmental Cleanups.

Shield Environmental Associates Inc. (Advocate member) – Shield Environmental Associates Inc. of Lexington will replace work vehicles with hybrids in an effort to reduce its carbon footprint and gasoline usage.

The Brown Hotel (Advocate member) – The Brown Hotel of Louisville will participate in a countywide cleanup. The staff will also begin recycling various commodities that are created on the site.

Shelby and Judy Jett Residence (Advocate member) – The Jett residence of Lexington has agreed to create a rain garden on their property in an effort to help Lexington reduce its stormwater runoff and reduce the pollutants in the stormwater.

Amgen USA Louisville Distribution Center (LDC) (Partner member) – Amgen USA Louisville Distribution Center (LDC) of Louisville will develop and conduct environmental training for its employees. The company has also committed to developing an environmental management plan for its facility.



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Green Tip

If only 25 percent of American families used 10 fewer plastic bags each month, more than 2.5 BILLION bags would be saved each year! Plastic bags are convenient and less costly than paper bags, but the environmental damage is enormous. Eighty percent of the litter on roads, beaches and in parks is plastic. Ingesting plastic kills wildlife. Instead of plastic, use cloth bags that can be reused. If you do receive plastic bags when shopping, reuse them and don't allow them to litter the landscape.



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Member Updates (cont.)

Tokico (USA) Inc. (Leader member) – Tokico (USA) Inc. of Berea has committed to reducing its energy usage by 5 percent by 2010; supporting the Muddy Creek Cleanup Program; and will begin a mixed office paper recycling program. Tokico (USA) Inc. has upgraded from the Partner level to the Leader level.

LaFarge Silver Grove (Leader member) – Lafarge Silver Grove of Silver Grove has set a goal of reducing its waste generated by 20 percent over the next year; reducing energy consumption by 13 percent; developing an Air Permit Environmental Information System;

enhancing its wildlife habitat area; developing a Corporate Lands for Learning program and planting 500 trees to restore a woodland area.

Murakami Manufacturing USA Inc (Leader member) – Murakami Manufacturing USA Inc. of Campbellsville hosted an Earth Day event for its team members and the Head Start members of a local school; will be replacing vehicle license plates with Nature's Finest plates; and participating in a community clean-up project. Murakami Manufacturing USA Inc. has upgraded from the Partner level to the Leader level.

Program Updates

New, Yet Familiar, DEP Commissioner

The Energy and Environment Cabinet is pleased to announce that Bruce Scott, who served state government for more than 25 years before his retirement, has rejoined the agency to serve again as commissioner of the Department for Environmental Protection (DEP). Commissioner Scott's appointment was effective April 1, 2009. We welcome Commissioner Scott back, and look forward to his ongoing leadership.

Congratulations!

Kenya Stump, former program coordinator for the Environmental Compliance Assistance Program within the Division for Compliance

Assistance, has been named the division's first-ever manager of the Environmental Assistance Branch, which includes the KY EXCEL program. Kenya has experience working with a diverse group of industries and has particular expertise in air quality compliance, performance measurement outcomes and pollution prevention.

As of March 15, 2009, Lisa A. Barker, KY EXCEL program specialist, left the program to assume other duties within the Department of Labor. We thank Lisa for her service to the program and wish her well in her new endeavors.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact KY EXCEL staff at envhelp@ky.gov.

Upcoming Events

May 12, 2009: Green Stormwater Management Workshop

Location: Division of Compliance Assistance

Time: 8:30-4:30 PM

Cost: \$60 for Non-KY EXCEL Members; \$30 for KY EXCEL Members

Register at <https://kydca.ticketleap.com/Green-Stormwater-Management-05-12-2009-08-30>

Check the DCA Web site for future announcements of the dates for hazardous waste generator training, which will be held in June, and for the fugitive dust training events that are scheduled for July.



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National Environmental Performance Track Update

On March 16, 2009, U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa P. Jackson announced the end of the National Environmental Performance Track Program (NEPT). While NEPT has ended, there are indications that the EPA may not be finished with the concept of environmental leadership since the EPA will now begin a review process of environmental leadership programs. This review will include a multi-stakeholder review to stimulate a dialogue on stewardship opportunities through leadership programs and a formal evaluation by the RAND Corporation to evaluate the viability of leadership programs in protecting the environment.

As a result of ending NEPT, the Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation (OPEI) at the EPA has begun working on close-out procedures for the program. In a March 25, 2009 memo, OPEI released details on close-out procedures. The memo is available at [http://www.epa.gov/perftrac/downloads/PTClosure MEMO CKent.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/perftrac/downloads/PTClosure_MEMO_CKent.pdf). KY EXCEL Program staff will notify members when the official program notice is

published in the Federal Register. In the meantime, any KY EXCEL master members that have questions can contact John Eisiminger or Kenya Stump at envhelp@ky.gov or at 800-926-8111.

Although NEPT is ending, KY EXCEL will not be greatly impacted by this change and there are not any plans to terminate this important program. KY EXCEL members that were also NEPT members will be contacted individually by KY EXCEL staff to discuss any potential issues that may occur as a result of the EPA's action. We, KY EXCEL staff members, will continue to provide members with leadership and compliance assistance services, as well as growing the program to meet the needs of the membership and enhance Kentucky's environment. KY EXCEL is only limited by the creativity of its existing members and the willingness of environmental leaders within the state to be recognized and share their experiences.

Reporting Reminders

First Quarter Members' Project Reports Due

If you joined KY EXCEL during the months of January and March of 2006, 2007 or 2008, then your organization's KY EXCEL contact should have received an e-mail indicating that it is time to report on your voluntary project results. The e-mail contains instructions, as well as a project report form, that we would request you use to record your project results. The e-mail reminds you that this is also the time when members should submit new projects for the coming

year. A proposed project form is also included in the e-mail.

Reports and new projects can be submitted electronically by e-mail or can be mailed in hard copy format. Let us know if you have any trouble completing any of the forms.

The project report forms and the proposed project forms are available on KY EXCEL's Web site at <http://www.dca.ky.gov/kyexcel/Levels+of+Membership.htm>.





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The Importance of Environmental Leadership

It doesn't take much time watching a television set or wandering through a

store to see how environmental considerations have permeated our everyday lives. We are routinely introduced to

products and services that highlight words like green, recyclable, organic, efficient and sustainable.

Each one seems to imply that even small choices can influence the future of our environment. Each one appears to tell us that just one person can make a difference.

Individual stewardship is a concept that I have learned to appreciate while working with KY EXCEL members. KY EXCEL includes individuals, private organizations, government bodies, small businesses and major industries. Although this

variety is significant, the constant in all of these members is the presence

of dedicated individuals with a passion for Kentucky's environment. Each of these individuals serves as a catalyst for their organization by championing positive environmental actions. Each one provides an example for others to follow.

As Kentucky celebrates Earth Day during the month of April, I would like to challenge you to follow the example of these environmental leaders. Make choices that matter. Encourage others to do the same. Individuals can and do make a difference. We have vast opportunities at our fingertips to be environmental leaders and demonstrate our passion for protecting Kentucky's environment. Let's take advantage of them.

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MEMBER PROFILES

DCA will be revising the KY EXCEL member pages of its Web site. To complete this task, we are inviting each member to submit a short member profile that explains what it is that your organization does, as well as historical information. You may also include information regarding your environmental initiatives. Please send member profiles to Mary Jo Harrod at MaryJo.Harrod@ky.gov.